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1. Laerz airfield about 50 swept-back jet fighters there, which included 4 alert aircraft at the eastern end of the long runway, about 12 aircraft at the southern end of the short runway, 6 of which were counted, 4 aircraft in shrapnelproof revetments, and about 30 aircraft in the southwestern section of the field, 25 of which were counted. The latter aircraft were being refueled by four tank trucks. There was no air activity. The weather was slightly hazy. Several shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were observed north of the western end of the long runway.
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2. About 10:45 a.m. on 16 December, a twin-engine transport, probably a Li-2, landed at the field. About 30 canvas-covered jet aircraft were parked in the dispersal areas at the southwestern section of the field. Five railroad tank cars were seen on the railroad siding. No activity was observed at the field. Four platoons each of 40 to 50 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, marched toward Rechlin, coming from the airfield. Another platoon of 40 to 50 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets but without artillery insignia, proceeded in the opposite direction.
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- Comment. Laerz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 60 MiG-15s
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